

## REMARKS

The Office Action of April 7, 2006, allowed pending claims 9-23. The Office Action noted that the application is on condition for allowance except for the requirement to amend the Abstract. Applicants have submitted herewith an appropriate amended Abstract.

The amended Abstract presented herein has been filed to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b), which states that the "purpose of the Abstract is to enable the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the public generally to determine quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and gist of the technical disclosure." Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended abstract also responds to the objection made in the Office Action and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediments to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,



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